

SLNo	NH Section	NH No.	Length (KM)
1.	Pumea-Khagaria	31	135
2.	Khagaria-Bakhtiarpur	31	120
3.	Patna-Bakhtiarpur	30	53
4.	Patna-Hajipur-Muzaffarpur including Muzaffarpur bypass	19,77	60
5.	Muzaffarpur-Sonbarsa	77	89
6.	Motihari-Raxol	28A	67
7.	Forbesganj-Jogwani	57A	13
8.	Hajipur-Chapra Gopalganj	19,85	153
9.	Patna-Buxar	30,84	130
10.	Mokama-Munger	80	70

Action is being taken for including these stretches, under Phase-III Aof National Highway Development Project (NHDP), for early implementation.

Condition of NHs in the country

219. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a-fact that the condition of National Highways in various parts of the country is in a bad shape causing a lot of inconvenience to the vehicular traffic;

(b) if so, the details thereof with special reference to Karnataka;

(c) what measures are proposed to be taken to repair and upgrade the roads; and

(d) the details thereof with the amount earmarked for the purpose and the time frame set for completion of the projects, with special reference to Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (b) Some of the National Highway sections in the country are affected by damages like cracking, potholes, erosion of berms, ravelling etc. due to heavy traffic, overloading, climate etc. In Karnataka NH-4A, 13,17, 48, 63, 209, 212, 218 are in bad condition.

(c) and (d) The development and maintenance of National Highway is a continuous process. Time frame may not be specified for completion of the development and maintenance project. Repair works wherever required are taken up immediately and National Highways are being kept in traffic worthy condition within the available resources. Rs. 11253.62 crore and Rs. 814.38 crore is allocated for the development and maintenance of the National Highways during current year 2006-07.

Link between Shipping and National Inland Water Transport system in NER

220. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the proposals for introducing link between shipping and National Inland Water Transport System over river Brahmaputra and Barak river in North-Eastern region;

(b) whether the States in North-Eastern region have finalized the acquisition of land for four lane road system; and

(c) whether there is any proposal for introduction of Toll System for Construction of roads and bridges on national highways in North-Eastern region?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TR. BAALU): (a) Brahmaputra and Barak rivers in the North-Eastern Region are already linked to sea through designated routes under Inland Water Transport Transit and Trade Protocol between India and Bangladesh. Under this Protocol, vessels of one country can ply through the designated routes of the other country.

(b) For four-laning work under East-West Corridor passing through the State of Assam, process of land acquisition is in progress. Detailed Project